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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON IVORIAN AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE TO DIEUDONNE ESSIENNE
THE UNITED KINGDOM

1. IVORIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 27
THE NOMINATION OF DIEUDONNE ESSIENNE AS AMBASSADOR TO
THE UNITED KINGDOM.

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOLLOWS.

2. DIEUDONNE ESSIENNE WAS BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014], IN GRAND-LAHOUE, UP-COAST FROM ABIDJAN. HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE, FRANCE, IN 1962 AND ATTENDED THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN GENEVA IN 1963. ESSIENNE WAS APPOINTED CHEF DU CABINET AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1963 AND AS DIRECTEUR DU CABINET IN 1964. HE REMAINED DIRECTEUR DU CABINET UNDER TWO MINISTERS UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT TO CANADA AS AMBASSADOR IN 1973.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO KNEW ESSIENNE WHEN HE WAS DIRECTEUR DU CABINET FOUND HIM FRIENDLY, KNOWLEDGEABLE,
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AND WELL INFORMED. HE WAS ALSO FOUND TO DISLIKE DIPLO-MATIC ENTERTAINMENT AND DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERTED PERSON. HE VISITED THE U.S. IN 1969 ON AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR'S GRANT. ACCORDING TO A BIOGRAPHIC ENTRY OF 1973, ESSIENNE SPOKE LITTLE ENGLISH AND WAS MARRIED. N STEARNS

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